

BUSINESS REPORT

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

HOUSE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

Date: Thursday, March 26, 2009
Place: Capitol

Time: 3:00 pm
Room: 472

BILLS and RESOLUTIONS HEARD:

Prefix (HB, HR, HJR, SB, SR, or SJR) and number. Add Postponed (PP) when appropriate:

SB 407, SJ 11

EXECUTIVE ACTION TAKEN:

Prefix (HB, HR, HJR, SB, SR, or SJR) and number. Enter P(pass) F(failed) DPAA (do pass as amended) BC(be concurred in) BCAA (be concurred in as amended):

SS20 BC SB126 BC SB407 F _____

SJ17 BC SB286 BCAA _____

SB68 BC SS11 BC _____

SB104 BCAA HB 575 DPAA _____

COMMENTS:



REP. Mike Jopek, Chairman

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Roll Call
Agriculture COMMITTEE

DATE: March 26, 2009

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT/ EXCUSED</u>
Representative French		✓
Representative Butcher	✓	
Representative Roundstone	✓	
Representative Bean	✓	
Representative Furey	✓	
Representative Regier		✓
Representative Fleming	✓	
Representative Randall	✓	
Representative Howard		✓
Representative Kerns	✓	
Representative Taylor	✓	
Representative Dickenson	✓	
Representative Wagner		✓
Representative Caferro	✓	
Representative Warburton	✓	
Representative McClafferty	✓	
Representative Hoven	✓	
Representative MacDonald		✓
Representative Belcourt		✓
Chairman Jopek	✓	



HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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Mr. Speaker:

We, your committee on **Agriculture** recommend that **House Bill 575** (first reading copy – white) **do pass as amended.**

Signed: _____

Representative Mike Jopek, Chair

And, that such amendments read:

1. Title, lines 4 and 5.

Strike: "PRODUCTION" on line 4 through "WELL" on line 5

Insert: "WATER PRODUCED IN ASSOCIATION WITH COAL BED METHANE PRODUCTION"

2. Title, line 6.

Strike: "PRODUCTION"

Strike: "AN OIL OR GAS WELL;"

Insert: "COAL BED METHANE PRODUCTION; INCREASING COMPENSATION FROM THE COAL BED METHANE PROTECTION PROGRAM; ASSESSING A FEE; REQUIRING A STUDY OF ISSUES RELATED TO WATER IN ASSOCIATION WITH OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION;"

3. Title, line 6.

Following: SECTIONS

Insert: "15-36-331,"

4. Title, line 7.

Strike: "82-11-101,"

Insert: "76-15-904, 76-15-905, AND"

Strike: "85-2-102" through "85-2-510,"

Following: "MCA;"

Insert: "REPEALING SECTION 10, CHAPTER 531, LAWS OF 2001;"

5. Page 1, line 12 through page 9, line 12.

Strike: everything after the enacting clause

Committee Vote:

Yes 12, No 8

Fiscal Note Required ____

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Insert: "NEW SECTION. Section 1. Temporary permit. (1) As provided in this section and in accordance with this part, the department shall issue a temporary permit for the beneficial use of water produced in association with coal bed methane production.

(2) In addition to the requirements of this part, an application for a temporary permit under this section must:

(a) provide that the source of the appropriation is surface water in the pipeline, pond, pit, or other means of containing or conveying the water approved by the board of oil and gas conservation pursuant to 85-2-510;

(b) provide that the point of diversion is a specified place diverting the water from the pipeline, pond, pit, or other means of containing or conveying the water approved by the board of oil and gas conservation pursuant to 85-2-510; and

(c) limit the use of the water to:

(i) stock water;

(ii) managed irrigation with no return flow to surface water;

(iii) dust suppression and other industrial uses;

(iv) domestic use; or

(v) distribution for the purposes of subsections (2)(c)(i) through (2)(c)(iv).

(3) A temporary permit issued under this section expires when the beneficial use ceases or coal bed methane production ceases.

(4) An applicant for a temporary permit under this section shall pay an \$800 fee to the department.

(5) (a) The holder of the temporary permit shall notify the department when the beneficial use ceases or coal bed methane production ceases.

(b) The owner of the coal bed methane well or the holder of the temporary permit shall give the owner of the land where the well is located reasonable notice that the temporary permit is about to expire.

(6) Water right holders who may be affected by the use of water under a temporary permit issued pursuant to this part are eligible for compensation pursuant to 76-15-905.

(7) Permits may not be issued under this section after June 30, 2011.

(8) Appropriations approved under this section must not exceed a combined total volume of 2,000 acre-feet annually.

(9) (a) The department and the board of oil and gas conservation shall study the:

(i) effect on ground water of water produced in association with oil and gas production by using information gathered prior to [the effective date of this act] and any information collected pursuant to this section; and

(ii) appropriate uses of water produced in association with oil and gas production.

(b) The department and the board of oil and gas conservation

shall report findings and any recommended legislation from the study to the appropriate interim committee in accordance with 5-11-210 before September 1, 2010.

(10) Nothing in this section alters or amends in any way a water compact that has been entered into and approved by the state of Montana and a tribe, the United States, or another state under Title 85, chapter 20."

Insert: "Section 2. Section 15-36-331, MCA, is amended to read:

"15-36-331. **Distribution of taxes.** (1) (a) For each calendar quarter, the department shall determine the amount of tax, late payment interest, and penalties collected under this part.

(b) For the purposes of distribution of oil and natural gas production taxes to county and school district taxing units under 15-36-332 and to the state, the department shall determine the amount of oil and natural gas production taxes paid on production in the taxing unit.

(2) (a) The amount of oil and natural gas production taxes collected for the privilege and license tax pursuant to 82-11-131 must be deposited, in accordance with the provisions of 17-2-124, in the state special revenue fund for the purpose of paying expenses of the board, as provided in 82-11-135.

(b) The amount of the tax for the oil, gas, and coal natural resource account established in 90-6-1001 must be deposited in the account.

(3) (a) For each tax year, the amount of oil and natural gas production taxes determined under subsection (1)(b) is allocated to each county according to the following schedule:

Big Horn	45.05%
Blaine	58.39%
Carbon	48.27%
Chouteau	58.14%
Custer	69.53%
Daniels	50.81%
Dawson	47.79%
Fallon	41.78%
Fergus	69.18%
Garfield	45.96%
Glacier	58.83%
Golden Valley	58.37%
Hill	64.51%
Liberty	57.94%
McCone	49.92%
Musselshell	48.64%
Petroleum	48.04%
Phillips	54.02%
Pondera	54.26%
Powder River	60.9%
Prairie	40.38%
Richland	47.47%
Roosevelt	45.71%

Rosebud 39.33%
 Sheridan 47.99%
 Stillwater 53.51%
 Sweet Grass 61.24%
 Teton 46.1%
 Toole 57.61%
 Valley 51.43%
 Wibaux 49.16%
 Yellowstone 46.74%
 All other counties 50.15%

(b) The oil and natural gas production taxes allocated to each county must be deposited in the state special revenue fund and transferred to each county for distribution, as provided in 15-36-332.

(4) The department shall, in accordance with the provisions of 17-2-124, distribute the state portion of oil and natural gas production taxes remaining after the distributions pursuant to subsections (2) and (3) as follows:

(a) for each fiscal year through the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011, to be distributed as follows:

(i) 1.23% to the coal bed methane protection account established in 76-15-904;

(ii) 1.45% to the natural resources projects state special revenue account established in 15-38-302;

(iii) 1.45% to the natural resources operations state special revenue account established in 15-38-301;

(iv) 2.99% to the orphan share account established in 75-10-743;

(v) 2.65% to the state special revenue fund to be appropriated to the Montana university system for the purposes of the state tax levy as provided in 20-25-423; and

(vi) all remaining proceeds to the state general fund;

(b) for fiscal years beginning after June 30, 2011, to be distributed as follows:

(i) 2.16% to the natural resources projects state special revenue account established in 15-38-302;

(ii) 2.02% to the natural resources operations state special revenue account established in 15-38-301;

(iii) 2.95% to the orphan share account established in 75-10-743;

(iv) 2.65% to the state special revenue fund to be appropriated to the Montana university system for the purposes of the state tax levy as provided in 20-25-423; and

(v) 1.23% to the coal bed methane protection account established in 76-15-904; and

~~(v)~~ (vi) all remaining proceeds to the state general fund."

Insert: "Section 3. Section 76-15-904, MCA, is amended to read:

"76-15-904. Coal bed methane protection account -- use. (1)
 There is a coal bed methane protection account in the state special revenue fund.

(2) There must be deposited in the account the proceeds

from the distribution of oil and natural gas production taxes, as provided in 15-36-331.

(3) All money paid into the account must be invested by the board of investments. Earnings from investments must be deposited in the account.

~~(4) Subject to the conditions of subsection (5), money~~
Money deposited in the account must be used to compensate landowners and water right holders for damages attributable to coal bed methane development as provided in this part.

~~(5) Money deposited in the fund and earnings of the fund may not be expended until after June 30, 2005. For fiscal years beginning after June 30, 2005, principal and earnings may be expended only in the case of an emergency. For fiscal years beginning after June 30, 2011, principal and earnings in the account may be expended for any purpose authorized pursuant to this part.~~

~~(6)-(5)~~ Money in the account must be appropriated to the department for use by conservation districts that have private landowners or water right holders who qualify for compensation as provided in 76-15-905. ~~(Subsection (2) terminates June 30, 2011--sec. 10, Ch. 531, L. 2001.)"~~

Insert: "Section 3. Section 76-15-905, MCA, is amended to read:

"76-15-905. Coal bed methane protection program -- restrictions. (1) There is a coal bed methane protection program administered by conservation districts that have coal beds within the exterior boundary of the district or whose water sources may be adversely affected by the extraction of coal bed methane. The purpose of the coal bed methane protection program is to compensate private landowners or water right holders for damage caused by coal bed methane development.

(2) A conservation district shall establish procedures, approved by the department, for evaluating claims for compensation submitted by a landowner or water right holder. The procedures must include:

(a) a method for submitting an application for compensation for damages caused by coal bed methane development;

(b) a process for determining the cost of the damage to land, surface water, or ground water, if any, caused by coal bed methane development;

(c) the development of eligibility requirements for receiving compensation that include an applicant's access to existing sources of state funding, including state-mandated payments, that compensate for damages; and

(d) criteria for ranking applications related to available resources.

(3) An eligible recipient for compensation includes private landowners and water right holders who can demonstrate as the result of damage caused by coal bed methane development:

(a) a loss of agricultural production or a loss in the value of land;

(b) a reduction in the quantity or quality of water

available from a surface water or ground water source that affects the beneficial use of water; or

(c) the contamination of surface water or ground water that prevents its beneficial use.

(4) (a) Subject to the conditions of subsections (5) through ~~(8)~~ (7), an eligible landowner may be compensated for the damages incurred by the landowner for loss of agricultural production and income, lost land value, and lost value of improvements caused by coal bed methane development. A payment made under this subsection (4) (a) may only cover land directly affected by coal bed methane development.

(b) Subject to the conditions of subsections (5) through ~~(8)~~ (7), an eligible water right holder may be compensated for damages caused by the contamination, diminution, or interruption of surface water or ground water.

(5) In order to qualify for a payment of damages under this section, the landowner or water right holder shall demonstrate that it is unlikely that compensation will be made by the coal bed methane developer or operator who is liable for the damage to land or the reduction in or contamination of surface water or ground water as the result of coal bed methane development.

(6) Compensation made to a landowner or a water right holder under this section may not exceed 75% of the cost of the damages. The maximum amount paid to a landowner or water right holder may not exceed ~~\$50,000~~ \$150,000.

(7) Conservation district administrative expenses for services provided under this section are eligible costs for reimbursement from the coal bed methane protection account.

~~(8) (a) Except as provided in subsection (8) (b), compensation for damages allowed under this section may be made only after June 30, 2011.~~

~~(b) Compensation for an emergency may be made after June 30, 2005."~~

Insert: "Section 4. Section 82-11-175, MCA, is amended to read:

"82-11-175. Coal bed methane wells -- requirements. (1) Coal bed methane production wells that involve the production of ground water must comply with this section.

(2) ~~Ground water~~ Water produced in association with a coal bed methane ~~well production~~ must be managed in any of the following ways:

(a) used as irrigation or stock water or for other beneficial uses in compliance with Title 85, chapter 2, part 3;

(b) reinjected to an acceptable subsurface strata or aquifer pursuant to applicable law;

(c) discharged to the surface or surface waters subject to the permit requirements of Title 75, chapter 5; or

(d) managed through other methods allowed by law.

(3) (a) Prior to the development of a coal bed methane well that involves the production of ground water from an aquifer that is a source of supply for appropriation rights or permits to appropriate under Title 85, chapter 2, the developer of the coal

bed methane well shall notify and offer a reasonable mitigation agreement to each appropriator of water who holds an appropriation right or a permit to appropriate under Title 85, chapter 2, that is for ground water and for which the point of diversion is within:

- (i) 1 mile of the coal bed methane well; or
- (ii) one-half mile of a well that is adversely affected by the coal bed methane well.

(b) The mitigation agreement must address the reduction or loss of water resources and must provide for prompt supplementation or replacement of water from any natural spring or water well adversely affected by the coal bed methane well. The mitigation agreement is not required to address a loss of water well productivity that does not result from a reduction in the amount of available water because of production of ground water from the coal bed methane well."

Insert: "NEW SECTION. Section 5. Repealer. Section 10, Chapter 531, Laws of 2001, is repealed."

Insert: "NEW SECTION. Section 6. Codification instruction. [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 85, chapter 2, part 3, and the provisions of Title 85, chapter 2, part 3, apply to [section 1]."

"NEW SECTION. Section 7. Severability. If a part of [this act] is invalid, all valid parts that are severable from the invalid part remain in effect. If a part of [this act] is invalid in one or more of its applications, the part remains in effect in all valid applications that are severable from the invalid applications.

Insert: "NEW SECTION. Section 8. Effective date. [This act] is effective on passage and approval."

Insert: "NEW SECTION. Section 9. Applicability. [This act] applies to pending beneficial use applications for water produced in association with coal bed methane production submitted before [the effective date of this act] and to beneficial use applications for water produced in association with coal bed methane production submitted on or after [the effective date of this act]."

- END -



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Mr. Speaker:

We, your committee on **Agriculture** recommend that **Senate Bill 126** (third reading copy – blue) **be concurred in.**

Signed: _____

Representative Mike Jopek, Chair

To be carried by Representative Janna Taylor

- END -

Committee Vote:

Yes 20, No 0

Fiscal Note Required ☐

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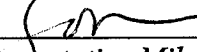
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Mr. Speaker:

We, your committee on **Agriculture** recommend that **Senate Bill 104** (third reading copy – blue) be concurred in as amended.

Signed: 
Representative Mike Jopek, Chair

To be carried by Representative Sue Dickenson

And, that such amendments read:

1. Page 1, line 24.

Following: "~~held~~"

Insert: "in the newspaper doing the county printing of the county in which the estray is found and"

2. Page 1, line 25.

Following: "must"

Insert: "be published in the newspaper at least one time and must"

- END -

Committee Vote:

Yes 19, No 1

Fiscal Note Required ☐

SB0104001SC02587.hjd



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Mr. Speaker:

We, your committee on **Agriculture** recommend that **Senate Bill 68** (third reading copy – blue) **be concurred in.**

Signed: _____

Representative Mike Jopek, Chair

To be carried by Representative Russell Bean

- END -

Committee Vote:

Yes 13, No 7

Fiscal Note Required ☐

SB0068001SC06455.hjd



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Mr. Speaker:

We, your committee on **Agriculture** recommend that **Senate Joint Resolution 17** (third reading copy – blue) **be concurred in.**

Signed: _____

Representative Mike Jopek, Chair

To be carried by Representative Tony Belcourt

- END -

Committee Vote:

Yes 17, No 3

Fiscal Note Required ____

SJ0017001SC06457.hjd



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Mr. Speaker:

We, your committee on **Agriculture** recommend that **Senate Joint Resolution 20** (third reading copy – blue) be concurred in.

Signed: _____

Representative Mike Jopek, Chair

To be carried by Representative Bob Bergren

- END -

Committee Vote:

Yes 20, No 0

Fiscal Note Required ☐

SJ0020001SC02632.hjd



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Mr. Speaker:

We, your committee on **Agriculture** recommend that **Senate Joint Resolution 11** (third reading copy – blue) **be concurred in.**

Signed: _____

Representative Mike Jopek, Chair

To be carried by Representative John Fleming

- END -

Committee Vote:

Yes 18, No 2

Fiscal Note Required ____

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Mr. Speaker:

We, your committee on **Agriculture** recommend that **Senate Bill 286** (third reading copy – blue) **be concurred in as amended.**

Signed: _____

Representative Mike Jopek, Chair

To be carried by Representative Brian Hoven

And, that such amendments read:

1. Page 12, line 31.

Insert: "NEW SECTION. Section 20. Termination. [Sections 1 through 16] terminate June 30, 2011."

- END -

Committee Vote:

Yes 14, No 6

Fiscal Note Required ____

SB0286001SC06497.hjd

failed 9-11

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Roll Call Vote

Agriculture COMMITTEE

DATE 3/26/09 BILL NO 5517 MOTION NO. _____
 MOTION: Be Amended 55001701.ate

NAME	AYE	NO	If Proxy Vote, check here & include signed Proxy Form with minutes
Representative Julie French		✓	
Representative Edward Butcher	✓		
Representative J. David Roundstone		✓	
Representative Russell Bean		✓	
Representative Timothy Furey		✓	
Representative Keith Regier	✓		
Representative John Fleming		✓	
Representative Lee Randall	✓		
Representative David Howard	✓		✓
Representative Krayton Kerns	✓		✓
Representative Janna Taylor	✓		
Representative Sue Dickenson		✓	
Representative Bob Wagner	✓		✓
Representative Mary Caferro		✓	
Representative Wendy Warburton	✓		
Representative Edith McClafferty		✓	
Representative Brain Hoven	✓		
Representative Margaret MacDonald		✓	
Representative Tony Belcourt		✓	
Chairmen Mike Jopek		✓	

Passed 13-7

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Roll Call Vote

Agriculture COMMITTEE

DATE 3/26/09 BILL NO SB68 MOTION NO. _____

MOTION: Be Concurred In

NAME	AYE	NO	If Proxy Vote, check here & include signed Proxy Form with minutes
Representative Julie French	✓		
Representative Edward Butcher		✓	
Representative J. David Roundstone	✓		
Representative Russell Bean	✓		
Representative Timothy Furey	✓		
Representative Keith Regier	✓		
Representative John Fleming	✓		
Representative Lee Randall		✓	
Representative David Howard		✓	✓
Representative Krayton Kerns		✓	
Representative Janna Taylor		✓	
Representative Sue Dickenson	✓		
Representative Bob Wagner		✓	✓
Representative Mary Caferro	✓		
Representative Wendy Warburton		✓	
Representative Edith McClafferty	✓		
Representative Brain Hoven	✓		
Representative Margaret MacDonald	✓		
Representative Tony Belcourt	✓		
Chairmen Mike Jopek	✓		

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Roll Call Vote

Agriculture COMMITTEEDATE 3/26/09 BILL NO SB286 MOTION NO. _____MOTION: Be Concurred In As Amended
SB028602.ate

NAME	AYE	NO	If Proxy Vote, check here & include signed Proxy Form with minutes
Representative Julie French	✓		
Representative Edward Butcher	✓		
Representative J. David Roundstone	✓		
Representative Russell Bean	✓		
Representative Timothy Furey	✓		
Representative Keith Regier		✓	
Representative John Fleming	✓		
Representative Lee Randall		✓	
Representative David Howard	✓		✓
Representative Krayton Kerns		✓	
Representative Janna Taylor	✓		
Representative Sue Dickenson	✓		
Representative Bob Wagner		✓	✓
Representative Mary Caferro		✓	
Representative Wendy Warburton		✓	
Representative Edith McClafferty	✓		
Representative Brain Hoven	✓		
Representative Margaret MacDonald	✓		
Representative Tony Belcourt	✓		
Chairmen Mike Jopek	✓		

failed 5-15

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Roll Call Vote

Agriculture COMMITTEE

DATE 3/26/09 BILL NO SB 407 MOTION NO. _____

MOTION: Be Concurred In

NAME	AYE	NO	If Proxy Vote, check here & include signed Proxy Form with minutes
Representative Julie French		✓	
Representative Edward Butcher		✓	
Representative J. David Roundstone		✓	
Representative Russell Bean	✓		
Representative Timothy Furey		✓	
Representative Keith Regier		✓	
Representative John Fleming		✓	
Representative Lee Randall		✓	
Representative David Howard		✓	✓
Representative Krayton Kerns		✓	
Representative Janna Taylor		✓	
Representative Sue Dickenson		✓	
Representative Bob Wagner		✓	
Representative Mary Caferro	✓		
Representative Wendy Warburton	✓		
Representative Edith McClafferty		✓	
Representative Brain Hoven		✓	
Representative Margaret MacDonald		✓	
Representative Tony Belcourt	✓		
Chairmen Mike Jopek	✓		

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Roll Call Vote

Agriculture COMMITTEEDATE 3/26/09 BILL NO HB 575 MOTION NO. _____MOTION: Be Amended HB 575 05 ajk

NAME	AYE	NO	If Proxy Vote, check here & include signed Proxy Form with minutes
Representative Julie French		✓	
Representative Edward Butcher	✓		
Representative J. David Roundstone		✓	
Representative Russell Bean	✓		
Representative Timothy Furey		✓	
Representative Keith Regier	✓		
Representative John Fleming		✓	
Representative Lee Randall	✓		
Representative David Howard	✓		✓
Representative Krayton Kerns	✓		
Representative Janna Taylor	✓		✓
Representative Sue Dickenson		✓	
Representative Bob Wagner	✓		
Representative Mary Caferro		✓	
Representative Wendy Warburton	✓		
Representative Edith McClafferty		✓	
Representative Brain Hoven	✓		
Representative Margaret MacDonald		✓	
Representative Tony Belcourt	✓		
Chairmen Mike Jopek	✓		

Passed 15-5

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Roll Call Vote

Agriculture COMMITTEE

DATE 3/26/09 BILL NO HB 575 MOTION NO. _____

MOTION: Be Twice Amended HB 0575 01-ate

NAME	AYE	NO	If Proxy Vote, check here & include signed Proxy Form with minutes
Representative Julie French	✓		
Representative Edward Butcher	✓		
Representative J. David Roundstone		✓	
Representative Russell Bean	✓		
Representative Timothy Furey	✓		
Representative Keith Regier	✓		
Representative John Fleming	✓		
Representative Lee Randall	✓		
Representative David Howard	✓		✓
Representative Krayton Kerns	✓		
Representative Janna Taylor	✓		✓
Representative Sue Dickenson	✓		
Representative Bob Wagner	✓		
Representative Mary Caferro		✓	
Representative Wendy Warburton	✓		
Representative Edith McClafferty		✓	
Representative Brain Hoven	✓		
Representative Margaret MacDonald		✓	
Representative Tony Belcourt	✓		
Chairmen Mike Jopek		✓	

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Roll Call Vote

Agriculture COMMITTEE

DATE 3/26/09 BILL NO HB 575 MOTION NO. _____

MOTION: Do Pass as twice Amended
HB 057505.ajk and HB 067501.ete

NAME	AYE	NO	If Proxy Vote, check here & include signed Proxy Form with minutes
Representative Julie French		✓	
Representative Edward Butcher	✓		
Representative J. David Roundstone		✓	
Representative Russell Bean	✓		
Representative Timothy Furey		✓	
Representative Keith Regier	✓		
Representative John Fleming		✓	
Representative Lee Randall	✓		
Representative David Howard	✓		✓
Representative Krayton Kerns	✓		
Representative Janna Taylor	✓		✓
Representative Sue Dickenson		✓	
Representative Bob Wagner	✓		
Representative Mary Caferro		✓	
Representative Wendy Warburton	✓		
Representative Edith McClafferty		✓	
Representative Brain Hoven	✓		
Representative Margaret MacDonald		✓	
Representative Tony Belcourt	✓		
Chairmen Mike Jopek	✓		

**AUTHORIZED
COMMITTEE PROXY**

I request to be excused from the Ag Committee

Committee because of other commitments. I desire to leave my proxy vote with:

Julie French

Indicate Bill number and your vote Aye or No. If there are amendments, list them by name and number under the bill and indicate a separate vote for each amendment.

BILL/AMENDMENT

AYE NO

ST 20	X	
ST 17 substitute		X
ST 17	X	

BILL/AMENDMENT

AYE NO

Rep.

Paul Bonito
(Signature)

Date

3-26-09

AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE PROXY

I request to be excused from the

Ag

Committee because of other commitments. I desire to leave my proxy vote with:

Rep. Butcher

Indicate Bill number and your vote Aye or No. If there are amendments, list them by name and number under the bill and indicate a separate vote for each amendment.

BILL/AMENDMENT

AYE NO

BILL/AMENDMENT

AYE NO

HB0575 05. ajk	X	
HB057501 . etc.	X	
HB0575	X	

Rep. Juanita
(Signature)

Date 3-26-09

7a Committee by Ed Butcher

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
ABSENTEE VOTE

DATE: JAN 23, 2009

Mr. Chairman / Mr. Speaker;

I, the undersigned member, hereby vote absentee on:

Indicate Bill number and your vote Aye or No. If there are amendments, list them by name and number under the bill and indicate a separate vote for each amendment.

BILL/AMENDMENT	AYE	NO
ST 17	X	
ST 20	X	
ST 17-amend 001701 etc	X	
SB 68		X
SB 104	X	
SB 104 amend SB 10401 etc	X	
SB 125	X	
SB 286 amend SB 28602 etc	X	
SB 286	X	
ST 11	X	
SB 407		X
HB 575- amend HB 07505 etc	X	

BILL/AMENDMENT	AYE	NO
HB 575	X	
HB 575 amend, etc HB 057501	X	

Rep.

(Signature)

AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE PROXY

I request to be excused from the Legislator

Committee because of other commitments. I desire to leave my proxy vote with:

Ed Butcher

Indicate Bill number and your vote Aye or No. If there are amendments, list them by name and number under the bill and indicate a separate vote for each amendment.

BILL/AMENDMENT	AYE	NO	BILL/AMENDMENT	AYE	NO
ST 20	X				
Amendment 001701.04	X				
SB 17	X				
SB 68		X			
SB 104	X				
SB 104 amend SB 10401.04	X				
SB 125	X				
SB 286 amend SB 28602.04	X				
SB 286		X			

Rep. Robert J. Claguer
(Signature)

Date _____

AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE PROXY

I request to be excused from the Aggravating Committee

Committee because of other commitments. I desire to leave my proxy vote with:

Ed Butcher

Indicate Bill number and your vote Aye or No. If there are amendments, list them by name and number under the bill and indicate a separate vote for each amendment.

BILL/AMENDMENT

AYE NO

ST 17 - amend 001701.ats	X	

BILL/AMENDMENT

AYE NO

Rep. Kayla Kuan
(Signature)

Date _____

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Bill No. SB407 Sponsor(s) Sen. R. Ripley

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DAN JEWELL	BUREAU OF RECLAMATION			X
Jim Foster	Helena Valley Irrig	✓		
Sharon Foster	" "	✓		
Wm A Hritslo	MWRA/Attorney	X		
BOB NARDIN	GREENFIELDS	X		
WATT LANDMAN	Self		X	
Rob VanDeren	Self/Opent River		X	
Jon & Tami	MINE	X		X
Hertha Lind	VAN Duren		X	
Chris Vounkin	VanDeren		X	
Holly France	Self	X		

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Bill No. SS 11

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